—Gadabouting

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Decorative garlands, wreathe and greens provided visitors with an opportunity to gather practical ideas and unique decorating suggestions for both indoor and outdoor enhancement.

In addition to Dr. and Mrs. Albert Laforest, other homes on the tour included those of Mr. and Mrs. George Harding, Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Camper, Mr. and Mrs. G. Albert Wright, Mr. and Mrs. John McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. W. Eugene Payne, Dr. and Mrs. Martin Rodney, Miss Nellie Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hayden, Mrs. Juanita Young, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Lewie.

The tour ended with a party at the Baltimore County home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewie. Dr. Herbert Frisby was at the piano, filling the air with Yule music.

Guests who shared the tour with the members included:

Mrs. J. Paul Bright, Jr., president of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Mrs. John R. Royster, Stoney Run Garden Club, and her daughter, Mrs. W. Taylor Brown, grandsons, Randy and Marshall; Miss Emily Kneebone, president of York Manor Garden Club;

Mrs. Leroy E. King, member of the Board of the Woman's Civic League; Mrs. Henry W. Momberger, also a member of the League's board; Mrs. Dorothy Mulbeny, president of Clyburn, chairman of Garden Center of Federated Garden Clubs; Miss Elizabeth Clarke, secretary of Clyburn; Mrs. Edward A. Maher, Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland; Mr. and Mrs. John Clark of the Home Garden Club, Mrs. I. G. Ances, president of the Home Garden Club.

Mrs. Albert Laforest was tour chairman and Mrs. Douglas Camper is president of the For-Win-Ash Garden Club.

On Tuesday evening, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Jackson were hosts at a Christmas program and dinner to members of the Du Bois Circle and guests at their Hillsdale Rd. home.

An illustrated (slides) lecture on "Madonnas of the World" by Miss Rose T. Kinney was the program feature. Following this the group were seated for the festive Yule meal in the recreation area of the home, and where they mingled talk carol singing, and dining for an enjoyable evening.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Martha) Ammons, formerly of this town, who lived in Mt. Vernon N.Y. for 20-plus years, who have retired from teaching and government posts and returned here to live; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fletcher and Mesdames John Hall and Cliff Mackay.

Club members present included:

Mesdames John Berry, Marshall Bright, John Francis, Arnett Ruby, Alonzo Hairston, Mason Hawkins, Bradshaw Higgins, Howard Hucles, Inez Key, Carl Murphy, Robert Myers, Saul Purdue, McKinley Reesby, Ralph Smith, Wilbur Valentine; Mr. and Mrs. Abdella Campbell, Misses Edna Brown, president of the club; Rose Kinney, Josephine Lansey, Estelle Lee.

The Five, a quintet which has established almost a ritual of dining together on Christmas Eve, was a quartet this year. One of the five, Llewellyn Walker, was in Germany during the holidays. The other four—Olga Rodney (who left next day for Panama), Verda Welcome, Marione Croxton and Lula Mackay betook themselves to Tio Pepe for a potent Spanish drink and dream-quality Spanish food.

Later they were due for cocktails or egg nog if chosen with Dr. James Davidson at his fabulous tri-plex apartment . . . and fabulous my Dear, is the word . . . but what word is left to speak of the Yule decorations, which the host did himself? Fabulous is so mild!

He was holding forth for his sister, Gwendolyn Cunningham, here from Charlotte, N.C. We lingered around the red velvet draped round table with a magnificent decor of Christmas greens, etc., flanked by silver candelabra, and holding the high sterling bowl of egg nog . . drifted on to other areas where other enticements beckoned

Reluctantly apparted for demanding duties.

Mr. and Mrs. James (Yvette) Murphy were doing their Christmas thing at cocktails and supper the same evening . . and in addition to her famous Yule yummies she added soul succulents and just about every conceivable alphabet.

The hosts were equally adept at miking a potent group of guests to assure the right concoction of fun.

The guests included:

Mary Catherine Law, Ethel Rich, Dr. and Mrs. Richard McKinney, Dr. and Mrs. John Richardson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Howard Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. William Stanford, Mr. and Mrs. Hjiram Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Medford Reynolds, Henry Parks, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Byrd, Mrs. Rose Davidson, Mrs. Rosalie Moseley and Mrs. Lula Mackay.

And then there was the perfectly lovely party on Sunday afternoon, when Mrs. Mary Bacote entertained for her sister, Mrs. Margaret Pennington, Los Angeles, Calif. junior high school counselor.

Setting was the hostess' Oakford Avenue home . . . a perfect background for her and the honoree, who wore the newest of fashions . . . Chinese multi-colored hostess gowns.

Mrs. Bacote had invited guests for dinner, including Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Dedmond, Mrs. Frances Wilson, Mrs. Alice Unkirk, Mrs. Cliff Mackay, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. William Peters and their guest, Mrs. Beatrice Henry of Boston, Mrs. George Page, Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Wise and their sister, Mrs. Charles Boston; and Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Fuller.

Scores of guests came later for egg nog. Among those seen were Mrs. Harriet Jones, Miss Ruth Russell, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Ramsey, Mrs. Catherine Johnson, Mrs. Marian Amprey, Mrs. Mae Cornish, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Baskerville, Miss Edna Walker, James Branch, Carey Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Little and Mrs. Ruth Pratt.

Doris Tarter took her group "Tarter's Tours" to the Kennedy Center, in D.C., or Duke Ellington's concert Sunday, December 26th.

They enjoyed a buffet lunch before going to the concert at the Sheraton Park Hotel in D.C.

The famous composer and conductor was greeted at his entrance upon the stage as well at the end of the concert with a standing ovation from the packed house.

His repertoire consisted of several of his old compositions and featured his latest, in entirety, on African music.

The concert also included "Roscoe's" Guild Choir from Philadelphia. It is made up of a group of young people who took the "Freedom" Bond sung it in four versions of moods. It was different and exceedingly good.

Included on the trip were:

Misses Priscilla G. Lansey, Joan Sessoms, Yvonne Lansey, Josephine Lansey, Elizabeth Johnson, Bernadette Kelly, Cynthia Chambers, and Debby Dailey;

Mesdames, Mildred Pierson, Phoebe Goff, Bertha Cross, Edythe Smith, Martha Thompson, Mattie Ashton, Ruby Harrison, Nadine Mariano, Leonia Young, Juanita Gomez, Esther Laforest.

Mesdames Norma Lambson, Cynthia Parrier, Ella Parrier, Alice Sykes, Flavia Thomas, Priscilla P. Lansey, Cleota Kelly, and Edith Hammond from New York City.

Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Proctor; Mr. and Mrs. Jannie Nickens, Edward Wilson, Malachi Darkinns, and Dallin Wicks.

Dr. William Proctor, Mr. Keith Harrison and Clifton Tarter.

On Christmas Day, the Teen Group of the Columbia Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. sang Christmas carols at the Dukeland Nursing and Convalescence Home. This program was planned in Fall with each teen-member sponsoring a monthly activity.

The Teens have emphasized giving service this year as a main objective. They, also successfully served as volunteers to sell "Trick or Treat" candy-filled puppets for the Maryland Kidney Foundation at the Columbia Mall in October. Their efforts supports the Foundations in research, treatment and the fight against kidney diseases.

The Columbia Teens were in a Christmas spirit, dressed in the latest attire, and sang a variety of Christmas songs. The Dukeland residents were pleased to see and listen to the teen group, as they ate their festive Christmas dinner, received their personal visitors and gifts.

Caroling at Dukeland were Misses Carolyn Brisoe, Kathy Hand, Cathy Harris, Karen Polley, Rae Ross, Donna Taliaferro and Celonia A. Walden.

Mothers in attendance were Mesdames Roberta Briscoe, Pinnie Ross and Irene Dandridge.

The Gems Social Club recently held its annual Christmas party at the Wakefield Club House.

Over 200 guests joined the Gems in celebrating the festive occasion.

One of the highlights of the evening was the donation of toys by all guests to support the club's drive to collect gifts for presentation to the toddlers of the Upton School for the Mentally Retarded.

The gifts were presented by Mrs. Barbara Forrest, a member of the club to Mrs. Josephine Dodson, principal of the school, who presented them to the young children at Upton before the Christmas closing.

The Gems are Sondra Jackson, president; Blanche Booker, vice president; Davette Conner, secretary; Donna Williams, treasurer; Julia Caraway, assistant treasurer; Sharon Phillips, parliamentarian;

Also Barbara Forest, Anita Hunter, Myrna Jackson, June Powell, Patricia Roberts, Sandra Thomas, Sheila Whittaker of Philadelphia and honorary members, Anne Wallington of New York and Paul Wright of Boston.

In keeping with the Christmas spirit the gala colors of red and white decorated the home of Dr. and Mrs. Emerson Wai on Hyla Brook Road, in Columbia, recently as the executive committee of the Columbia chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority gave an open house for 75 invited Delta's and husbands.

Mrs. Celonia Walden is the chapter president. Hostesses were Mrs. Shirley Colvin, Mrs. Ruth Felton, Mrs. Carolyn Harp, Mrs. Suzanne Price, Mrs. Rosalyn Scarborough and Mrs. Harriet Tootle.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Williams were hosts at dinner on Saturday at a delightful dinner party in their Hilton Road home.

Mrs. Williams was particularly fetching in a Nile green silk hostess pants suit.

About were their parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Barksdale; their son, Dr. Roland Williams; Dr. and Mrs. Williams Watts, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Chamberlain and Mrs. Cliff Mackay.

GRETA ROBIN CHAPMAN 12, daughter of Mrs. Bessie Lipscomb — of Morgan State College is safe. Messages of her whereabouts came to the Police Department, her family and her pastor, Cornerstone Baptist Church's Rev. Logan Kearse, after the AFRO came out Tuesday with the story of her disappearance Dec. 15.

Allen says speedy trial program is working

This summer, the office of the state's attorney inaugurated the policy of developing liaison between the homicide division and the office of the state"s attorney.

The first person assigned to this duty was Leslie Gladstone.

Mr. Gladstone was on call 24 hours a day, the object being to get involved in homicide cases as quickly as possible to assist the officers in their original investigation in any way possible.

The relationship, both sides agree, has been a very fruitful experience and we think it will lead to better prosecution in homicide cases.

One of the first cases that was processed under the system, was the Magrogan case, which involved three young men who were charged with the homicide of one Thomas J. Magrogan, an employee of the state roads commission, who was killed on the state roads parking lot.

This, to my mind, is a manner in which homicides should be handled. Mr. Gladstone was with the homicide detectives from the time of arrest forward.

After the initial arrest, the case was processed for an additional period of about 10 days until the further arrests were made, statements were obtained and the case prepared for presentation in court.

The Magrogan case came to trial approximately 85 days after the indictment.

This, to my mind, is the ideal way that these matters should be handled.

Witnesses' recollections were still fresh — witnesses had not moved or absented themselves — records were still intact — and the incident was still fresh in the minds of the public.

If a trial of a case is to have any effect as a deterrent, defendants will have to be tried within a reasonable time after the commission of the crime; otherwise, the deterrent effect is completely lost.

We are continuing this liaison with the homicide division and the police and the state's attorney's office are both satisfied that this is the type of relationship that's needed to strike another blow at the crime problem in Baltimore.

The joys – and ploys of Christmas

By THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU of BALTIMORE

It is sad but true that all the joys and warmth of the holiday season create an almost ideal "working climate" for many whose intent is certainly not "good will toward men." The Christmas season has become a veritable hey-day for the gypsters and they seem to appear in greater numbers than department store Santas.

To insure that your Christmas joys outnumber problems and disappointments, BBB has issued this list of holiday hazards.

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EXCHANGE POLICIES — A common misunderstanding among buyers is that they have automatic rights to refunds or exchanges when purchases are returned. The fact is that the store is not obliged to accept returns, make exchanges or refunds.

These are privileges granted by stores not obligations. Find out in advance what the store's return policy is and when seeking an exchange be reasonable and courteous.

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UNORDERED MERCHANDISE — When you receive unordered merchandise of any kind in Maryland, remember that you are under no obligation to pay for it or to return it.

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SOLICITATIONS — The number of door-to-door solicitations seems to increase at this season including appeals by the candy vendors. Often they are children who appeal to your emotions when they say they are "... trying to make some Christmas money." Their product may not be of the best quality and usually is greatly over-priced.

In addition, many of these young people act on a commission basis and receive only a small portion of the money collected. It will help you to know the purpose of such solicitations and the distribution of the proceeds.

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LAY-AWAYS — When you purchase merchandise on lay-away your selection is taken out of stock and off the counter and held for you until you complete your payments.

Should you fail to complete payments you may not be able to obtain a full refund. Check the store's policy before you enter into the transaction.

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CREDIT CARD LIABILITY — The use of credit cards place extraordinary responsibility on the user. However, it's important for you to remember that your liability, should your credit card be misused, is generally limited to $50 on cards issued before January 25, 1971 and no liability on cards issued after that time unless the card issuer provided a way by which the card user could be identified as the person authorized to use it.

MAIL ORDERS — Catalogue browsing has an advantage over crowded stores — but, if you're to be a satisfied mail order customer, remember these tips:

Check the seller's reliability with your B.B.B.

Don't send cash. It send cash. It may be lost or stolen.

Comparison shop and consider that an additional cost of postage, insurance and handling may be involved.

Determine the shipping time and the estimated time of delivery and remember that the volume of mail during the holiday season increases delivery time.

Save the name and address of the company on check or money order stubs.

Write your order exactly as the company requests and save a copy of your order.

Give the company a reasonable period of time to reply.

BEST BUYS

Unit Pricing Law aid to food budget

By VIRGINIA McLUCKIE

If you have started the New Year by resolving to do a better job of feeding your family wholesome nutritious meals at the most economical prices, the new Unit Pricing Law can be of assistance.

The Unit Pricing Law became masdatory January 1, 1972 and during this first year, 70 per cent of items effected must be unit priced. After January 1, 1973, 90 per cent of the items must be unit priced. How good this operation will be depends upon acceptance by shoppers and how they use the system. This law was designed to enable consumers to easily make cost comparisons between sizes and brands of products.

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Retail stores will have a choice of how to show the unit price so long as it is conspicuous and visable to the consumer. Most of the display of unit pricing will be found on the shelf on which the merchandise is displayed. It can be displayed adjacent to the item or put on a stamp, tag or label attached directly to the package.

Any item which has been prepackaged or which is packaged at the retail outlet has to be unit priced. Foods; condiments; cooking oil; paper products, towels, napkins and tissues; wrapping products, paper, plastic and aluminum; soaps detergents; cleaning aids and deodorizing aids are all on the mandatory list.

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As the name implys, Unit Price of an item means, the retail price of that item expressed in dollars and cents. The law is easy to use if you keep in mind only five types of unit measure are used. With large number of different items stocked in super markets the computer-inventory print-out is programmed to include the unit price for shelf display. Reduced to a common unit of measure private label brands and nationally advertised brands can be cost compared in like or different size containers. Family preference, nutritive value and quality can not be determined by the unit pricing.

The unit measures are per pound, per quart, per 100 feet, per 100 square feet and 100 numerical count units. Examples are: canned and frozen vegetables and fruits will be in pound units; cooking oil, frozen orange juice liquids of other types will be quart units; paper towels by 100 feet or 100 square feet, plastic bags by the 100 count.

There are items exempt from Unit Pricing. Not covered are bakery produce, direct delivered items, cut to order lunch meats and items displayed in a non-packaged manner. Also exempt are TV dinners, alcohol and wine; vending machine items, which are prepackaged and prescription drugs. A durable item, one that wears or deteriorate from using, does not have to be unit priced.

Not every store will come under this new law. Firms with less than 10 outlets and small independent grocery stores are exemptm The law is mandatory for all retail grocery stores with a gross volume of $750,000 or more of consumer commodities. If you shop in non pricing outlets a hand cost calculator will be found helpful in doing the required arithmatic in a rapid fashion.

Responsibility for enforcing Unit Pricing is the Consumer Protection Division, Attorney Generals office. Shoppers can be helped and also do a surveillance job by reporting any discrepancy to store management. Implementing new laws and regulations often requires the cooperation and joint efforts of all concerned persons.

Stars to aid King salute

ATLANTA—The Jackson 5 (Michael, Marlon, Jermaine, Tito and Jackie) and The Supremes (Cindy Birdsong, Jean Terrell and Mary Wilson) will star in the first annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration Concert at Municipal Auditorium, January 12.

The concert will kick off a full week of activities across the nation, commemorating Dr. King's birthday anniversary.

The local activities will include a commemoration service on January 15, at the Historic Ebenezer Church, for the slain civil rights leader. The service will be officiated by his father, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr.

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The featured speaker for the commemoration will be the Rev. Walter Fauntroy, legislate director of Dr. King and Congressman in Washington, D.C.

The Jackson 5 was personally committed to the King concert by their father, Joseph Jackson and The Supremes confirmed their appearance from England during their current European concert tour.

Other participants will include friends and associates of Dr. King's from throughout the nation.

Man, 24, guilty in friend's death

The murder trial of a 24-year old man charged in the death of a 22-year old friend ended Friday when a Criminal Court jury found him guilty of manslaughter.

Clyde "Buggy" Morrow, Jr., 1400 block N. Longwood St., was found guilty only of the manslaughter charge by the jury and was acquitted of another charge of assault with intent to murder.

The trial began Tuesday before presiding Judge J. Paul Grady, who postponed sentencing upon motion for new trial.

Mr. Morrow is charged in the fatal shooting of Joseph Mitchael Hughes, 1200 block Dukeland Ave., who died June 19 of a bullet wound in the chest.

Police found the deceased mortally wounded and lying on the corner of Winchester and Dukeland Sts., only few doors from his home.

He was later pronounced dead on arrival at Lutheran Hospital at approximately 2:30 on the fatal morning.

In addition, Mr. Morrow was charged in the alleged assault of Perry Lee Gwynn, 2700 block W. Mosher St., who was also allegedly shot by the defendant during the same incident.

According to testimony, Mr. Morrow allegedly fired four to six shots at the two victims, who were standing on the street corner with two more friends.

One member of that group who was not injured, Larry Hart, 1218 N. Dukeland St., identified the defendant as the assailant of the deceased and Mr. Gwynn.

Mr. Hart testified he and three others, including the two victims, had left a bar and were engaged in a conversation on the street corner before going to their neighborhood homes.

A bystander identified only as "George," according to Mr. Hart, turned on his door lights and it was then that "the defendant stepped across the street and started shooting into the crowd."

Mr. Hart also asserted, "Buggy was alone."

According to his testimony, the defendant allegedly chased the deceased up the street while firing shots at him.

Mr. Hart also stated at first "We thought it was a blank gun. Then Buggy's father told Ricky Allen it wasn't a blank gun.

"Michael Hughes said, 'This fool has a real gun and he started running up the street."

Clyde Morrow Sr., father of the defendant, according to police said he saw his son shooting at a group of boys.

Police reports show the father followed his son from their home after the defendant appeared to be angry and he then allegedly witnessed the incident.

Also included in the group with the two witnesses was Ricky Allen, 1200 block Dukeland St.

Schaefer was 'silent' Wednesday

As of AFRO deadline Wednesday, Mayor Donald Schaefer has yet to name his choices for City Solicitor to succeed George L. Russell Jr.; president of the School Board to succeed Robert Larwacki and temporary head vice-chairman, James Griffin; and for the School Board seat vacated by Cyril Byrne.

The Mayor held a press conference Wednesday at 1:45 p.m. solely to introduce new Labor Commissioner Robert S. Hillman to replace retiring Commissioner Edward Gutman.

Reporters, who waited over three hours because the Board of Estimates started very late, were disappointed that the Mayor refused to answer questions on any other upcoming appointments.

During the Board of Estimates meeting, this reporter noted a growing degree of heckling and animosity between City Comptroller Hyman A. Pressman and the other members of the Board: Dr. Theodore Lipnaweaver, Walter Orlinsky, the Mayor, and especially City Solicitor Russell.

Orlinski, Schaefer and Russell oftentimes facial and vocally expressed some annoyance with many of the Comptroller's questions asked those appearing before the Board, frequent negative votes, and general delay of the meeting.

FIRE BOARD NOTES

On Wednesday Republican leader Jean Morticelli Marshall Jonas has been rumored as a possible appointment to the Fire Board.

The AFRO was unable to reach Mr. Jones for comment.

Meantime, the Vulcan Blazers, the black firefighters' organization, expressed to this reporter deep concern over the rumored replacement of all three members currently comprising the City Fire Board.

A spokesman for the organization indicated that a break in the continuity at this point could be something less than good government and the retention of one or possibly two of the commissioners now seated might prove worth Mayor Schaefer's while in making a more orderly transition of the departments' leadership.

The present board of James J. Lacy Jr., Konstantine Prevas, and the Rev. Marion C. Bascom Sr. has welded into an effective instrument and performed above and beyond previous boards.

The spokesman also indicated that heretofore, Fire Commissioners generally concerned themselves more so with ceremonial functions than to deal with the "Nuts and Bolts" issues regardless whether they were popular or not.

"We sincerely hope that the rumors of replacing this board in its entirety are groundless," he concluded. S.D.P.

Court ends couple's stormy love affair

The six years stormy love affair of a couple was brought to an abrupt end in the Criminal Division of the Municipal Court Tuesday.

Wilbert Dowkins, 1800 block W. Northern Pkwy., came before Judge I. Newell Lambdin facing assault charges jeveled against him by his sweetheart Miss Delores Johnson, 1400 block St. Paul St.

Judge Lambdin warned them:

"Stay away from each other. There must be no telephone calls, no mail and no conversation. You don't get along well."

Making his fourth appearance before Criminal Court for charges against him by Miss Johnson, Dowkins went away with a two-year probation and one year suspended sentence.

On three occasions he had been before Criminal Court for various charges including assault and disorderly behavior brought against him by Miss Johnson.

Miss Johnson told the court she broke relations with Dowkins one and half years ago. However, Dowkins without any previous arrangement turned up Dec. 14 and asked her to go to her room with him.

When she refused, she testified, Dowkins grabbed her by the neck and forced her into the room.

Under threats, she claimed, he criminally assulted her.

She could not report the incident because, she said, Dowkins warned her he would finish her if she shouted or made any false move.

Under cross examination by Assistant Public Defender Dowkins, she stated she gave her underclothes to Dowkins to the laundry for cleaning when Dowkins was leaving the next day at 10 a.m.

She testified that she did not report the assault incident until 3 p.m. even though Dowkins left her apartment next morning at 10 a.m.

Dowkins told the court he never formally broke with his girl friend. They used to see themselves and often had conversation on the telephone.

He denied having forced Miss Johnson to submission. He explained to the court that he met her at the door and they agreed to go to her room for the night.

He testified even though the girl had taken him to court three times; he still saw her because he was in love with her.

In his submission before sentence was passed, Counsel Lichter made it clear if Miss Johnson had the presence of mind to give her underclothes to the accused to take to the laundry, she should have had the presence of mind to report the incident of criminal assault.

Mr. Lichter asked the court not to accept her plea, that she was so upset she did not know what to do.

Mate subject to jail term for pushing wife

A 44-year-old man charged with assault by pushing his wife was placed on probation before verdict in Criminal Court on Tuesday.

John Lee Benson, 44, was also told by Judge Solomon Liss he would be subject to a maximum 10-year prison sentence if he ever assaulted or "bothers" his wife again.

During a statement of facts it was revealed Mr. Benson and his wife, Jeanette, were having marital difficulties shortly after they were married Aug. 12, 1969.

It was revealed after Mrs. Benson, 2800 block Rainer Ave., sued her husband for non-support, they began arguing at which time he pushed her.

It was then that Mrs. Benson, 27, filed criminal charges against her husband, according to assistant state's attorney Hilary Caplan.

Mr. Benson was not prosecuted at the Tuesday hearing on two additional charges of possession of a deadly weapon and assault.

ORANGEBURG, S.C. — The accreditation of Claflin College, was reaffirmed at the recent annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in Miami. Claflin was represented at the meeting by Dr. H. V. Manning, president of the College; Dr. B. L. Gore, dean of instruction; and Miss Alma Nelson, secretary.

Governor tells group to end fear and unrest in schools

RALEIGH, N.C. (UPI) — Gov. Bob Scott said "self preservation should not be one of the concerns of a child in school," and urged a 90-member citizens' task force to begin exploring means of wiping out fear and unrest in public schools.

"The show is yours," Scott said after his opening remarks at the meeting. "From now on I'll be listening rather than talking."

He expressed the fear that increasing school turmoil would "erode the base of public support for our public schools.

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Scott acknowledged that eliminating disruptions would not be easy, but urged the volunteer group to try to come up with a preliminary report within 90 days, saying the solution "necessarily depends on people at the community level."

State superintendent of public instruction Craig Phillips echoed Scott's remarks, saying "while there are some obvious divisions that do exist among us as people, the one common thread that can and should pull us together is our concern for our children."

Phillips urged the task force group, composed of about 20 per cent non whites and 80 per cent whites, "not to look back with hate, nor ahead with fear, but around with awareness and understanding."

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The Governor said "certain persons in our black community profess to see the creation of this task force as an attempt to devise a plan to repress black students.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," he said. "This group, this governor and this state are dedicated to fair and just treatment and the promotion of fair and just education opportunity for all students in all schools in all communities.

Scott emphasized in his opening remarks, as he had earlier in announcing formation of the group, that school unrest was his target, and that he was not talkings about racial integration or busing to achieve racial balance.

"I am talking about the general climate for learning within the public schools of North Carolina, and I earnestly desire that climate be all that it should be."

He said he was pleased with the "great wave of interest" the appointment of the panel has generated.

The group broke up into small committee groups after lunch to discuss various aspects of the problem

THESE STUDENTS of Saint Augustine's College, Raleigh, N.C., are questioning Dr. Hugh H. Smythe, consultant, U.S. Office of Education, New York, who spoke of "The Middle East Today-Area," recently. (L-R): Dr. Smythe; Miss LaVerne Peebles, junior business administration major, Virginia Beach, Va.; Miss Sandra White, sophomore sociology major from Burgaw, N.C.; Calvin Dunn, junior sociology major, from Burgaw, N. C.; Calvin Dunn, junior sociology major, Raleigh; and Dr. Joseph Jones Jr., vice president for academic affairs at Saint Augustine's College, who introduced the speaker. The occasion was the first in a series of three lectures, sponsored by the S. and H. Foundation Inc.

Fund gets $3,000 from baby contest

SALISBURY, N.C. — The Women's Division of the United Negro College Fund Committee, climaxed its baby contest recently in the Little Theatre of Livingstone College. About $3,000 was raised.

The program featured Mrs. Avis Wilkins, opening remarks and Sharon Wellington, a member of the Salisbury symphony-youth orchestra, presented an instrumental solo sonata. She was accompanied by Esther Marionsaux at the piano.

Contestants were Theodore Walkern Jr., C. Angelette Blackman, Kevin Tyrone Carroll, Shelly Denise Donaldson, David A. Kittrell, Ronald L. McElrath II.

Other contestants were Harry E. McLaughlin, Tony R. Monroe, Marc S. Ogleby, James H. Taylor Jr., and James R. White II.

The winner was Marc Ogleby with $631 Runner-ups were James Taylor, $359 and Ronald McElrath, $454. The first-place winner got a $100 U.S. Savings Bond; the second a $75 bond and the third $50 in saving bonds.

Other participants and the amount raised were Shelly Donaldson, $355; David A. Kittrell, $301; Tony Monroe, $104; James White, $101; C. Angelette Blackman, $91, and Kevin Carroll, $84.

The winner was crowned by Mrs. Louise Shipment, chairman of the drive. Prayer was said by the Rev. Herman L. Anderson and a trio selection was presented by Sharon Wellington. Donnetta Gillespie and Jill Wynrutt.

Members of the committee were Mesdames Fannie Kelsey, Avis Wilkins, Theodore Walker, Corrine Thomas and Louise Black. The entire program netted $3,059.

In the city recently for funeral services of their uncle, the Rev. B.T. McGriff, were Mrs. Jimmy Mae Attemie of Washington, D.C. the Rev. Petty D. McGriff and Sammy McKinney of New York.

Mrs. Gladys Fuller and her husband have returned to New York after visiting Mrs. Fuller's mother, Mrs. J.C. Fair and other relatives.

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Rufus Agnew, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. William C. Agnew of 316 South West St., has been appointed mobile resource coordinator with the United Fund and Council of Wilmington, Del.

Prior to this position, he worked for the state of Delaware as a consultant in the Department of Health and Social Services and with the Youth Service Bureau of Winston-Salem, N.C.

A graduate of Prince Hugh, he also completed Livingstone College in 1968 and holds a master's degree in social work from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Tardy teacher's new rooster oversleeps

MUSKEGON, Mich. (UPI) — Third-grade teacher Sally Clark was presented with a rooster this week by her principal because she had been late several times.

But the rooster overslept and "I had to wake him up," Miss Clark reported.

Atlanta, New South's Capital, Fighting White Flight

By LOUIS CASSELS UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Atlanta, the proud and progressive capital of the New South, is making an energetic effort to solve a racial-economic problem familiar to nearly all of America's big cities.

The problem derives from a strong tendency of white middle-class families to flee into "safe" suburbs, leaving the inner core of the city to become overwhelmingly black, economically deprived and crime-ridden.

The most flagrant example of this may be found in political leaders are smart enough to recognize the danger and to undertake realistic measures to curb it.

The white flight to the suburbs in Atlanta is documented by Census figures showing that the city proper now contains 62 per cent of the black population, but only 23 percent of the total population of the five-county metropolitan area.

With the backing of some 150 public, civic and private organizations, the Atlanta Community Relations Commission has proclaimed as its No. 1 objective in 1972 the achievement of a better balance in population distribution.

Three measures, in particular, will be employed to this end:

Encouraging construction of more middle and upper income housing near the heart of the city to make it an attractive place for white families to remain (or to move back to, when they get fed up with the trials of commuting).

Putting muscle into enforcement of the federal law which requires that a person of any race be able to buy or rent a home wherever he can afford. This law was intended to — and where enforced, can — open up the suburbs to the increasingly large proportion of blacks who belong economically to the middle class.

Most controversial, dispersal of low-cost public housing in small units throughout the metropolitan area instead of concentrated in a few developments in the inner city.

Many white suburbanites are resisting the third step in Atlanta (as elsewhere). They fear it will mean transporting the ghetto's crime, disease and poverty into their hitherto-immune enclaves.

Atlanta's Community Relations Commission is trying to combat this fear by pointing out that it's much better for all concerned to disperse public housing — and the "problem families" it attracts — in small units which can be absorbed into established neighborhoods without destroying their character than to lam all of these unfortunate people together in a ghetto that is bound to become a civic cancer.

Labor cites progress in employment

WASHINGTON — Labor Secretary James D. Hodgson has lifted special programs for hiring Vietnam war era veterans and putting unemployed workers into public jobs as the high points of the year for the Labor Department.

Hodgson said more than 400,000 returning GIs had found jobs, training or schooling since the jobs for veterans program was launched six months ago, and that an estimated 100,000 public jobs would be filled by the end of the year-number the new Public Employment Program (PEP).

He said he believes that 30,000 of those getting the public jobs were veterans.

Hodgson also noted that the department launched implementation and enforcement of the new job health and safety legislation during 1971, and has stepped up programs to increase minority employment.

Other items mentioned on his list for the year included special programs to find jobs for unemployed scientists and engineers, increased services to rural and migrant workers, and a new order barring federal contractors from job discrimination against women.

Developing a national Black United Fund.

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Creating a Field Services Unit to supervise on-the-job training at selected projects across the country.

Sponsoring national conferences to communicate and integrate project activities expected to result from training programs and field offices.

Commencing an International grants program and

Establishing an economic development corporation to support and expand existing projects.

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Dr. Walker eleaborated that "these programs are ambitious undertakings by IFCO at a time when the need is acute. This plan will provide much needed support for blacks, Chicanos, and American Indians, enabling them to become self-sufficient and increasing their sense of dignity."

IFCO's five-year plan is a new measure, offering hope in the struggle for equal justice. It implements the principle of maximum feasible participation of the poor.

Charlotte chamber backs public scatter-site housing

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (UPI) — A recent Chamzer of Commerce subcommittee report recommends that public housing be built in Charlotte's more affluent areas.

"We feel most emphatically the steps should be taken to provide for planning of these public housing units as recommended by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission a year ago," the report said.

The organization said that affluent eastern and southeastern sections of the city were best suited for future public housing.

Most public housing units are now in the northern and western parts of Charlotte.

"This committee takes the position that all sections of the city should be considered in the dispersal of public housing as close as possible on an equitable basis," the report said.

The report criticized concentration of low-cost public housing in certain areas of the city.

"Concentration tends to increase division of the city and the 'bulldozer' approach to public housing for families wherever located will only further isolate the privileged, the less privileged and will antagonize others," the report said.

In response to the report, J. S. Lowman, executive director of the Charlotte Housing Authority said, "I wish they'd leave us alone.

"We have professional people working on housing here," Lowman said. "We don't need criticism from people who have not been involved in housing.

"They (the number subcommittee) make me mad."

Past efforts to locate public housing in Charlotte's more affluent areas have failed and have been the subject of considerable controversy.

The subcommittee, headed by Architect Earl S. Draper Jr., was appointed by the chamber to study the problem of dispersing and locating public and private low-income housing.

Community gets professional aid

NEW YORK — A unique plan that will assist community organizations in expediting socio-economic advancements for minorities in the coming year was announced by the inter-religious foundation for Community Organization (IFCO).

At its quarterly board of directors meeting, the board adopted what IFCO calls its "comprehensive five-year plan" which will provide additional administrative and technical training to community leaders and seminarians.

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The five-year plan, according to Dr. Lucius Walker Jr., executive director, entails:

Developing at least three IFCO regional offices designed to give technical and fund-raising aid to organizations within their jurisdictions.

Training community leaders and seminarians for community organization work.

Pickets resume after grand jury findings

GREENVILLE, N.C. — Pickets, protesting demands for the dismissal of Highway Patrolman William Day, have resumed demonstrations following a 12-day interlude, despite the local character of the American Civil Liberties Union having said they considered the case closed.

With the arrests of 14 persons, for parading without a permit, the number rose to over a thousand persons who have been arrested in Pitt County since August, when demonstrations began to protest the fatal shooting of a farm worker by Day.

The demonstrations subsided after a superior Court judge ordered a grand jury investigation into the shooting, but the grand jury reported last week it found no probable cause for charges against Day in the shooting.

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At this point, Charles Cain, CLU chapter president, said "The incident, having been properly reviewed by a duly constituted judicial body with direct or indirect access to all available evidence, should be considered closed."

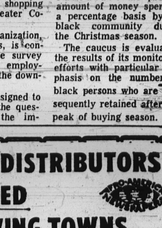
Patrolman Day claimed he shot Earl Murphy, when the man resisted arrest last August and a coroner's inquest reached the same conclusion as the grand jury several months ago.

Though the CLU said it considered the case closed, it said offirial proiedures should be established for handling autopsies in cases of violent death and the administering of bond.

The group also called for public information regarding temporary assignments of police officers while cases involving a prisoner's death or serious injury are settled.

In spite of the CLU decision, community groups, led by Golden Frinks, SCLC field coordinator, challenged the grand jury finding and vowed to resume demonstration until Day is fired.

Day was transferred to Asheville shortly after the incident and later was brought to the Highway Patrol headquarters in Raleigh where he is now stationed.



LITTLE UNCF — Marc Steven Oglesby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Oglesby of Westington, D.C. was crowned Little UNCF as winner of a baby contest sponsored by the Women's Division of the Livingstone College United Negro College Fund. He was sponsored by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Oglesby of Granite Quarry. The ladies raised $631 for the fund.

Racism foils tax-exempt bid by Elks

CHICAGO — A suit brought by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, seeking to have the Cook County treasurer grant them a tax exemption, was dismissed recently on grounds the Elks were racially discriminatory.

The property involved, on the near-north side, was valued at over $1 million, according to First Assistant State's Attorney Jack B. Schmetterer.

Circuit Court Judge Earl Arkiss dismissed the suit brought by the Elks on grounds that the club's charter retricted membership to American citizens over 21 years of age who were noncommunist and white.

Schmetterer said the Elks suit claimed they qualified for a tax exemption because the property involved bears a war memorial, making the club a charitable group.

But Arkiss ruled, "What shall it gain the nonwhite person to visit this memorial and gaze upon the objects of art when his is precluded from membership because of his ancestry?

Enrollment climbs in N. Carolina

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina's